Please replace any previous claims with the following set of claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A system implemented by one or more computational devices for conducting a transaction over a network comprising: a data storage device, said data storage device including electronic representations of at least one set of owned assets~ said at least one set of owned assets including assets other than currency; a module executing a set of instruct-ions to map an outside asset or commodity to said at least one set of owned assets; an operative connection to both a first electronic agent looking to dispose of said outside asset and a second electronic agent looking to secure said outsid~ze asset or commodity in exchange for <u>compensation in a commodity other than currency,</u> ansaid <u></u> exchange module capable of ~~capable of~~ securing a tran<u>act</u>s<u>~~it~~</u>ion of said outside asset or commodity, <u>said securing at least accomplished</u> by providing at least a portion of said at least one set of owned assets as security for said exchange, wherein said exchange module obtains approval from said second electronic agent via said network to use said at least one set of owned assets as security for said exchange, before said exchange occurs.

2. (Currently Amended) A method for <u>generating an</u> investment <u>pool</u> comprising the steps of: cataloging a first set of one or more assets and configuring said catalog <u>of assets</u> into electronic form; allowing said electronic first asset set catalog to be inspected over a network; when selected, linking a second set of assets represented in electronic form to said first set, such that: the owner of said second set of assets has correlated the value of said second set of assets to said first set of assets with a normalization constant<u>, wherein said first set of assets and said second set of assets are not currency</u>.

3-4. Cancelled.

5. (Original) The method as recited in claim 2 further including the step of correlating said first set of assets and said second set of assets to a reference value.

6. Cancelled.

7. (Original) The method as recited in claim 5 wherein said reference value is located on the same host system that includes access to said second set of assets.

8. (Original) The method as recited in claim 5 wherein said reference value is not located on the same host system that includes access to said second set of assets.

9. (Currently Amended) An improved ~~transaction and~~ investment system including: a computational device linked to a network through a screening system, said screening system including at least one CPU and implementing an executable screening program; electronic data storage configured to store first data that represents a non-currency assets; a verification structure implemented with a computer and connected to a network that is configured to verify the existence and identification of said assets represented by said first data; wherein said computational device loads said first data representational of said assets in response to a request received over said network and through said screening system and correlates said first data representational of assets to a set of second data that is representational of an outside assets and said verification structure confirms that both said sets of data are properly correlated to said respective assets.